

DoT employees under income tax net

†223. **SHRI D. P. YADAV:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring the employees of Department of Telecommunications under the net of filing income tax returns after they are provided with free telephone connections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Sir, with effect from 1.4.1997 a new proviso was inserted in Section 139(1) whereby all subscribers to a telephone if they are otherwise not filing income tax returns under section 139(1) are required to file returns under the proviso to section 139(1) in Form 2C.

Complaints of economic offences against cine artists

†224. **SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the cine artists against whom complaints regarding the economic offences such as violation of income tax, FERA, etc. have been received,

(b) the total amount including penalty outstanding against them; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The names of film artists involved in cases of violation of FERA and income tax are given in the statement (See below).

(b) The total amount outstanding against the above mentioned film artists is Rs. 48.25 crore.

(c) Recovery of tax is a continuous process, involving the use of statutory provisions, which include charging of interest, levy of penalty, attachment and sale of movable and immovable properties. periodical review and monitoring of cases involving high demands are also made by higher authorities on a regular basis and necessary instructions are issued from time to time for effecting recovery of the outstanding taxes

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